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	AC-01	NRRC-00	NSAE-00	OMB-01	PA-00	PM-00	PRS-00
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INFO NSC WASHDC IMMEDIATE
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NSC FOR SENIOR AFRICA DIRECTOR GAYLE SMITH
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LONDON FOR PFLAUMER

PARIS FOR BISA WILLIAMS

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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWEAN GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS POLITICAL
COMMITTEE TO MEET IN LUSAKA ON JULY 28

REF: LUSAKA 3300

CLASSIFIED BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES EARL M. IRVING FOR
REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY FOR
AFRICA DAVID HAMADZIRIPI TOLD CHARGE JULY 25 THAT THE
POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN LUSAKA ON JULY 28
(REFTEL), AND THAT HE AND HIS MINISTER PLANNED TO
ATTEND. AFTER INQUIRING ABOUT KABILA'S RECENT THREAT TO
PULL THE PLUG ON MONUC, THE ZIMBABWEAN DIPLOMAT
COMPLAINED THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE SEEMED TO BE
DISCUSSING THE SAME ISSUE OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

12. (C) WHEN CHARGE TOLD HAMADZIRIPI THAT THERE WAS AN
EFFORT UNDER WAY TO GET THE OAU MORE INVOLVED IN THE
CONGO PEACE PROCESS, THE LATTER REMARKED THAT HE HOPED
THE CONTINENTAL BODY WOULD SEND A MORE SENIOR PERSON TO
THE LUSAKA MEETING. TO DATE THEY HAVE BEEN SENDING ONLY
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"VERY JUNIOR OFFICERS," WHO HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE ANY
PROGRESS VIS A VIS THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE JOINT
MILITARY COMMISSION (JMC). JMC CHAIRMAN LALLALI HAD NOT
BEEN IN LUSAKA SINCE FEBRUARY AND ZAMBIAN BRIGADIER
KAZEMBE WAS UNABLE TO SHOULDER THE ENTIRE BURDEN OF
RUNNING THE COMMITTEE HIMSELF, AS HE HAD DUTIES TO
ATTEND WITH THE ZAMBIAN ARMY. THE ZIMBABWEANS DO NOT
SEE HOW THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE CAN ACHIEVE MUCH WITH A
PART-TIME JMC IN PLACE, HAMADZIRIPI CONCLUDED.

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